

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Original)** A substrate having an elongate element partially embedded therein and at least one discrete aperture extending through the fibrous substrate exposing at least a part of the elongate element, wherein at least one edge of the elongate element is exposed in the aperture(s), a gap being formed between the elongate element and a perimeter of the aperture.

2. **(Original)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element bears indicia, images or information.

3. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 in which the elongate element is wholly or partially metallised.

4. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element bears one or more holographic images.

5. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which ~~of~~ the elongate element has at least one colourshift areas.

6. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element has at least one security embossing.

7. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element is printed on one or both sides.

8. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element bears a liquid crystal material.

9. **(Currently amended)** A substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which at least another part of the elongate element is exposed in ~~on~~one or more windows in at least one surface of the substrate.

10. **(Currently amended)** A document made from a fibrous substrate according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 comprising at least one aperture.

11. **(Original)** A document as claimed in claim 10 comprising a plurality of apertures.

12. **(Currently amended)** A document as claimed in claim 10 or ~~claim 11~~ comprising a security document, such as a banknote, cheque, travelers cheque, identity card, passport, bond or the like.

13. **(Currently amended)** A document as claimed in claim 10 or ~~claim 11~~ in which the document is a non-security document, such as an item of stationery, a label or the like.

14. **(Currently amended)** A document comprising a plurality of sheets made from a fibrous substrate, according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, in which each sheet comprises an aperture in an identical location.

15. **(Currently amended)** A document comprising a plurality of made from a fibrous substrate according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim

1 in which each sheet comprises an aperture in a location offset with respect to the location of the apertures in adjacent sheets.

16. (Currently amended) A document as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 13 claim 10 in which at least a part of an aperture is located along an edge of the document.

17. (Currently amended) A method of making a fibrous substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims claim 1 having an elongate element partially embedded therein, comprising the steps of providing drainage restriction areas on a porous support surface, depositing fibres on the porous support surface around the drainage restriction areas to form a first layer, bringing the elongate element to lie in contact with the drainage restriction areas of the support surface, and depositing further paper fibres over the first layer to securely embed segments of the elongate element within the substrate between the drainage restriction areas, said drainage restriction areas being such as to substantially prevent the deposition of fibres thereon before and after the elongate element is laid thereover and to thereby form at least one discrete aperture extending through the fibrous substrate, wherein a width of the elongate element is less than a maximum width of the aperture(s).

18. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of forming at least one window in at least one surface of the substrate in which a portion of the elongate element, not including either of its edges, is exposed.

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21. (Cancel).